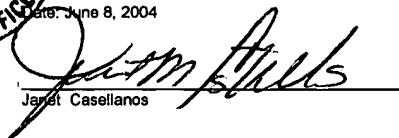


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In the Office Action dated April 20, 2004, the period for response to which has been extended to June 20, 2004 by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, the Examiner has required restriction of the application to one of the following groups of inventions pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121: (a) Group I, including Claims 26-41, drawn to a method of forming a storage system; and (b) Group II, including Claims 42, drawn to a method of storing hydrogen. In response, Applicants elect without traverse **Group I**. An examination on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

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The election is made in view of the Examiner's acknowledgement that the restriction requirement will be withdrawn upon allowance of the generic linking Claims 1-25.

While Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in the fees, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

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